

**Introduced by Senator Anderson**January 27, 2016

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An act to amend Section 3025 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 920, as introduced, Anderson. Vote by mail ballot drop off locations.

Existing law authorizes a vote by mail voter to return his or her voted vote by mail ballot to the elections official from whom it came at a vote by mail ballot drop-off location, as defined. Existing law requires the Secretary of State to promulgate regulations on or before January 1, 2017, establishing guidelines based on best practices for security measures and procedures that a county elections official may use if the county elections official establishes one or more vote by mail ballot drop-off locations.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 3025 of the Elections Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 3025. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms  
4 have the following meanings:

5 (1) "Vote by mail ballot drop box" means a secure receptacle  
6 established by a county or city and county elections official

1 ~~whereby~~ *at which* a voted vote by mail ballot may be returned to  
2 the elections official from whom it was obtained.

3 (2) “Vote by mail ballot drop-off location” means a location  
4 consisting of a secured vote by mail ballot drop box at which a  
5 voted vote by mail ballot may be returned to the elections official  
6 from whom it was obtained.

7 (b) On or before January 1, 2017, the Secretary of State shall  
8 promulgate regulations establishing guidelines based on best  
9 practices for security measures and procedures, including, but not  
10 limited to, chain of custody, pick-up times, proper labeling, and  
11 security of the vote by mail ballot drop boxes, that a county  
12 elections official may use if ~~the~~ *that* county elections official  
13 establishes one or more vote by mail ballot drop-off locations.